

Minutes of the Grinnell City Council Meeting
Monday, JULY 17, 2006

The City Council of the City of Grinnell met in regular session in the Council Chamber of the Grinnell Community Center, 927 4th Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa at 7:00 p.m., Monday July 17, 2006. Mayor Canfield presided.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Witt, Worley, Wright, Wilson, White
 ABSENT: McNaul

PERFECTING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by WHITE, second by WILSON to approve the Agenda and the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Worley, Wright, Wilson, White, Witt. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Previous minutes as drafted from the Wednesday, July 5, 2006 Regular Session.
- B. Approval of the On-Premise Application for Liquor, Wine or Beer for Bowladrome, Inc., 915 State Street.
- C. Approval of the On-Premise Application for Liquor, Wine or Beer for Eagles Club, 616 4th Ave.
- D. Approval of the Off-Premise Application for Beer for Kum & Go #22, 715 Lang Creek Ave.
- E. Approval of request by the Livingston Hearing Aid Service of Marion, Iowa to park the Hearing Mobile Unit in front of the Veterans' Memorial Building on Broad Street on July 24 – 26, 2006.
- F. Approval of the request by the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce for the College Welcome on Friday, August 25, 2006 including sponsorship of the event and closure of 4th Avenue from Main to Broad Streets.
- G. Approval of the request by the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce for Ag Appreciation Days on September 7, 2006 including sponsorship of the event, waiver of fees, provide picnic tables, bleachers and dumpsters, mowing, sweeping, and barricades.
- H. Approval of the request for a parade permit from the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce for the Parade of Tractors on September 7, 2006.

COMMUNICATIONS/MEETING MINUTES:

- A. Finance Committee: July 5, 2006
- B. Planning Committee: July 5, 2006
- C. Public Works and Grounds Committee: July 5, 2006
- D. POW I-80: June Financials
- E. Swear In Jeremy Stevenson as patrol officer with the Grinnell Police Department.
- F. Introduction of Bryan Spriggs and Patrick Elliott as reserve officers with the Grinnell Police Department. Postponed as both reserve officers were on duty during this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Canfield opened the public hearing in regard to the plans, specifications, estimate of cost and form of contract for the 2006 Alley Paving Project – 6th to 7th Avenue (between West Street and Main Street) (See Resolution No. 2986 and 2987) at 7:06 pm. Diehm noted not comments or objections had been received prior to the meeting.

Moved by WITT, second by WORLEY, to close the public hearing at 7:07 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Worley, Wright, Wilson, White and Witt. Motion carried.

Moved by WITT, second by WORLEY to accept Resolution No. 2986 in regard to plans, specifications, estimate of cost and form of contract for the 2006 Alley Paving Project-6th to 7th Avenue. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, Worley, Wright, and Wilson. Motion carried.

Moved by WITT, second by WORLEY to accept Resolution No. 2987 in regard to awarding the contract for the 2006 Alley Paving Project-6th to 7th Avenue to Jasper Construction Services, Inc. for the amount of \$46,982.00. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, Worley, Wright, Wilson, White. Motion carried.

Mayor Canfield opened the public hearing in regard to annexation of the VanderLinden Development Corporation property (See Resolution No. 2988) at 7:08 pm. Diehm noted no comments or objections had been received prior to the meeting.

Allen Latchem stated he would like information on the VanderLinden Annexation as he was asked to sign a petition in support of the annexation and needed more information. Behrens explained what the annexation covered.

Moved by WORLEY, second by WITT, to close the public hearing at 7:19 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Worley Wright, Wilson, White, and Witt. Motion carried.

Moved by WITT, second by WORLEY to accept Resolution 2988 in regard to voluntary annexation of the Vander Linden property. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wright, Wilson, White, Witt, and Worley. Motion carried.

Mayor Canfield opened the public hearing in regard to the sale of surplus fire equipment (See Resolution No. 2989) at 7:20 pm. Diehm noted no comments or objections had been received prior to the meeting.

Moved by WHITE, second by WILSON, to close the public hearing at 7:22 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wilson, White, Witt, Worley, and Wright. Motion carried.

Moved by WILSON, second by WHITE to accept Resolution No. 2989 in regard to the sale of surplus fire equipment to Bunker Fire & Safety, Inc. in the amount of \$4,000.00. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, Worley, Wright, and Wilson. Motion carried.

7) Committee Business:

A. Report from the Finance Committee

- o Recommendation in regard to the hiring of the city clerk/finance officer.

Behrens updated the council on the hiring of the City Clerk/Finance Officer and informed them he would have a recommendation by Tuesday July 18, 2006.

- Review of the CDBG Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program Contract for 1308 Sixth Avenue (See Resolution No. 2990).

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT to approve Resolution No. 2990: "RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF GRINNELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION CONTRACT FOR 1308 SIXTH AVENUE, GRINNELL, IA." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, Worley, Wright, Wilson. Motion carried.

- Discuss Campbell Fund assistance for PeopleRides (See Resolution No. 2991).

Moved by WHITE, second by WILSON to approve Resolution No. 2991: "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED CAMPBELL FUND ASSISTANCE TO THE REGION 6 PEOPLERIDES TRANSIT SYSTEM." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, Worley, Wright, Wilson, White. Motion carried.

- Discuss proposed ethanol plant south of Grinnell.

Behrens updates the committee: General consensus is that it is a very worthwhile project that we would like to see in the community. The committee supported the efforts of staff and county government representatives to work to insure that Big River Resources contributes adequately to fund public safety services and participates financially in any necessary improvements to Highway 146 that result from increased traffic related to the ethanol plant. Behrens stated that the county has hired Veenstra & Kimm to complete a traffic study to determine the impact of the ethanol plant traffic and how best improve the roadway.

- Discuss the Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference.

Behrens reported the dates for the Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference are September 27, 28, and 29, 2006. Behrens reports the 28th as a good full day for them to attend. Behrens says there are several good sessions that would be valuable to the council members.

- Review of the requests for assistance from the Campbell Fund.

Approved by the committee as presented.

INQUIRIES:

Wilson discusses the Broad Street South project and possibly closing the Sully Cooperative Exchange entrance to Highway 146. Behrens stated that he is researching design options and working on cost estimates.

Wilson inquired about the letter in the council packet from Don Schild on behalf of Jay Madi, Inc. Behrens stated that he is confident the parties will reach a settlement. Behrens did add that he forwarded the request to the city attorney for advice.

B. Report from the Planning Committee

- Discuss the annexation of the Vander Linden Development Corporation property (See Resolution No. 2988).

Discussion was held and committee agreed to move forward with the annexation of the Vander Linden Development Corporation property. No vote was required.

- Consider request from Don Schild for the city to exercise condemnation for the provision of city water service for Jay Madi, Inc.

Discussion was held in regard to the request and Behrens is confident that an agreement will be reached by both parties. Behrens has forwarded the request on to City Attorney, Bill Sueppel for further options.

- Discuss securing of options for the new library property.

General discussion was held. The committee will revisit this item on a future agenda.

- Review the 8th Avenue – Park Street to East Street – V & K scope of services.

Referred to PW&G for consideration. Will revisit this agenda item at a later date.

- Discuss the request from the city of Grinnell for Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company to consider voluntary annexation.

Discussion was held by the committee and was reported that a Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Corporate Attorney will meet with the city officials sometime in August for recommendations.

- Discuss holding a volunteer appreciation day.

Behrens stated it would be appropriate to hold a volunteer appreciation event to recognize the effort put in by volunteers on our Committees, Commissions, Boards, and those who volunteer their time each year to help the city of Grinnell.

Behrens stated there were also a large number of volunteers that helped with the planters downtown, everything from securing the plants, to placing them in the planters. This item will be on the agenda in the future for further possibilities.

- Update in the assignment of a poet laureate.

Discussion was held and Worley will have a recommendation for the next meeting on August 7, 2006.

C. Report from the Public Works and Grounds Committee

- Discuss the 2006 Alley Paving Project – 6th to 7th Avenue (between West Street and Main Street) (See Resolution Nos. 2986 and 2987).

Discussion was held with the Committee members and Rick Ramsey (6 West LLC) about the portion of the alley paving project that would be their responsibility. Rick Ramsey agreed that they would pay approximately \$3,200.00 towards the project. The total project cost will be \$46,983.00.

The Public Works and Grounds Committee recommend approval of Resolution 2986 and 2987 in regard to the 2006 Alley Paving Project-6th to 7th Avenue.

- Schedule public hearing in regard to the plans, specifications, estimate of cost and form of contract for the Broad Street Sanitary Sewer Extension project for Monday, August 7, 2006 at 7:00 pm, receiving bids until Thursday, August 3, 2006 at 2:00 pm.

Moved by WITT, second by WORLEY to set the Public Hearing in regard to plans, specifications, estimate of cost and form of contract for the Broad Street Sanitary Sewer Extension project for Monday August 7, 2006 at 7:00 pm, receiving bids until Thursday August 3, 2006 at 2:00 pm. Roll Call Vote: Worley, Wright, Wilson, White, and Witt. Motion carried.

- Approval of Pay Request No. 1 (Final) in regard to the Grinnell Municipal Airport Security Fence (See Resolution No. 2992).

Pending correction of dates on Resolution No. 2992.

Moved by WITT, second by WOLREY to approve Resolution No. 2992 "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CONTRACTOR'S PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 1 (FINAL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,894.68 TO AMERICAN FENCE COMPANY OF DES MOINES, IOWA FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE GRINNELL MUNICIPAL AIRPORT SECURITY FENCE." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wright, Wilson, White, Witt, Worley. Motion carried. Pending correction of dates on Resolution No. 2992.

- Discuss storm water utility ordinance – first reading scheduled for this meeting.

Discussion was held and was moved by WITT, second by WORLEY to approve Ordinance No. 1274: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, CREATING A STORM WATER UTILITY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL SETTING THE RATE FOR THE UTILITY, AND PROVIDING AN APPEAL PROCEDURE FOR PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY THE COSTS OF THE UTILITY." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wilson, White, Witt, Worley, Wright. Motion carried.

- Approval of the request from Iowa Telecom to trench an underground telephone cable.

No action required, was approved previously at July 5, 2006 meeting.

- Review CBD concrete core results.

The committee reported that all core test results exceeded depth requirements.

D. Report from the Public Safety Committee

(Please Note: This meeting was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2006)

- Approval of the Agreement for Provision of Interpreter Services (See Resolution No. 2993).

This resolution will set the hourly rate for interpreter services at \$15 per hour. Motion by Wilson to recommend approval of Resolution No. 2993 to the City Council. All Ayes, motion carried.

- Discuss IDOT report on school crossing.

The group discussed adding Garfield Avenue and East Street to the list of areas to be improved. The crosswalk at this location currently runs diagonal through the intersection and this will be corrected. The committee generally supports the concept of closing Prairie Street west of Bailey Park School and converting to a cul-de-sac. The committee unanimously supports moving forward with the IDOT recommendations. Motion by White, second by Worley to send this project to the Public Works and Grounds Committee with their strong endorsement and to add Garfield Avenue and East Street to the list of the IDOT recommended improvements. All ayes, motion carried.

Matherly will work with the school administration to seek financial assistance from the school to make these improvements.

- Update in regard to ambulance services.

Sicard and Ireland presented information about calls for service, types of calls, collection rates, expenditures, and revenues assuming a municipal ambulance service. The information presented supported a move to municipal ambulance service and the committee was supportive of seeking additional information.

E. Mayor's Committee Appointment Recommendations

- There are no appointments at this time.

8) New Business: None.

9) First Reading of the Ordinances:

Moved by WITT, second by WORLEY to approve Ordinance No. 1274: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, CREATING A STORM WATER UTILITY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL SETTING THE RATE FOR THE UTILITY, AND PROVIDING AN APPEAL PROCEDURE FOR PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY THE COSTS OF THE UTILITY." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wilson, White, Witt, Worley, Wright. Motion carried.

Moved by WITT, second by WORLEY to approve Ordinance No. 1275: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA, CHAPTER 13, BY REPEALING SECTION 13-508 (i), PERTAINING TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Worley, Wright, Wilson, White, Witt. Motion carried.

INQUIRIES: None

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

ADJOURN:

Moved by WHITE, second by WILSON, to adjourn this regular session of the Grinnell City Council at 7:51 pm. Vote: (5) Ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Gordon R. Canfield, Mayor

Sheila Diehm, Administrative Assistant